

For the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

2027 U.S.PTO

**UTILITY
PATENT APPLICATION
TRANSMITTAL**

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.	500-020-1-1-1-1-1
First Inventor	Woodruff
Title Improved.	Valve Assembly...
Express Mail Label No.	

22859 U.S.PTO
10/8/11734



032904

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. Specification [Total Pages 43]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (*if filed*)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 11]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets 1]
 - a. Newly executed (original or copy)
 - b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
 - i. **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) name in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

ADDRESS TO: Mail Stop Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
 8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
(if applicable, all necessary)
 - a. Computer Reader Form (CRF)
 - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
 - i. CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
 - ii. Paper
 - c. Statements verifying identity of above copies
- ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**
9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
 10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement Power of Attorney
(when there is an assignee)
 11. English Translation Document *(if applicable)*
 12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations
 13. Preliminary Amendment
 14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)
 15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(if foreign priority is claimed)
 16. Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
 17. Other: ...Credit Card Payment Form
Express Mail Certificate..

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in the first sentence of the specification following the title, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

Continuation

Divisional

Continuation-in-part (CIP)

of prior application No.: 10/405,188*

Art Unit: 3751

Prior application information:

For CONTINUATION OF DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

19. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

Customer Number:

OR Correspondence address below

Name	Mark P. Stone		
Address	25 Third Street		
City	Stamford		
Country	U.S.A.		
State	CT	Zip Code	06905
Telephone	(203) 329-3355		
Fax	(203) 329-3729		
Name (Print/Type)	Mark P. Stone	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	27,954
Signature			
Date	3/29/04		

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.53(b). The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Mail Stop Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199, and select option 2.
***which is a continuation of 09/954,473, which is now U.S. Pat. No. 6,543,496, a continuation of 09/569,806, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,305,444, which is a continuation of 09/312,213, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,085,809, which is a continuation of 08/791,267, which is not U.S. Pat. No. 5,947,171.**



032904

20427 U.S.PTO

500-020-1-1-1-1-1IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Keith F. Woodruff

Title: Improved Valve Assembly For Use With
Containers In A Closed Application System

Continuation of: Serial No. 10/405,188

Filed: April 2, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450EXPRESS MAIL CERTIFICATE"Express Mail" Mailing Label No. ER 362 361 648 USDate of Deposit: March 29, 2004

I hereby certify that this: Copy of Parent Specification, Claims, and drawings as originally filed; Copy of Inventor's Declaration executed in prior application; Eight (8) sheets of formal drawing (Figs. 1 - 11C); Preliminary Amendment; Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449; Credit Card Payment Form for patent application filing fee and additional claims; and Utility patent application transmittal letter.

is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office To Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Mark P. Stone
Reg. No. 27,954
Attorney for Applicant
25 Third Street, 4th Floor
Stamford, CT 06905
(203) 329-3355